5. Posting of a Liaison Officer in Delhi for better dissemination of information on D.G.S.&D. purchases and to effectively improve the State's share in such purchases.

6. Making available of its show rooms by Tamil Nadu Industries Corporation to willing small scale industrial units for marketing their products on negotiated terms and conditions.

IV. *AREA DEVELOPMENT*

1. Review of infrastructural facilities available at the existing industrial complexes set up by the State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu and to take coordinated action to provide all facilities to the industrial units.

2. Special emphasis to be given to the development of adequate social infra-structure like housing, education and medical care.

3. Establishment of new electronics industrial complex at Hosur and a leather industry complex at a suitable location.

4. Establishment of technology transfer centre which will act as a clearing house of information on technological developments and also provide guidance to the small scale industrial units in all matters connected with R&D and technological upgradation.

V. *ASSISTANCE TO SERICULTURE INDUSTRY*

1. To encourage development of sericulture industry, nylon nets and one charka to be supplied at 50% cost to each sericulturist and reeler respectively.

2. Working capital requirement of the private reelers to be arranged by the Director of Sericulture through banks and financial institutions.

VI. *SALES TAX CONCESSIONS*

The following concessions are proposed to be notified under the Tamil Nadu General Sales Tax Act:—

(i) Reduction in the rate of tax on commercial vehicles, bodies built on chasis, trailors, automobile parts and accessories, tractors, wet grain grinders and certain other domestic appliances, utencils made of aluminium, steel almirahs, all kinds of furniture and office equipments, HDP woven sacks, cotton hosiery goods, cotton hank yarn plain reel, raw materials, components, processing materials and specified textile machinery spares.

(ii) Exception on sale of Kungumam powder, power tillers and predominantly labour-oriented works contracts like tailoring, book binding etc.

(iii) Increase in the exemption limit for appalam; vadam, etc.

(iv) Conversion of the system of levy of tax at dual points/multipoint to single point on certain items.

(v) Amendment of Tamil Nadu General Sales Tax Act, 1959.

Call given by Naya Sikkim Party

1661. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Naya Sikkim Party has recently given a call for G.N.L.F. type agitation in Sikkim on the demand of reservation of Assembly seats; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The Naya Sikkim Party was reportedly dissolved and in its place a new party styled "Sikkim Krantikari Morcha" was formed on

September 5, 1988. The President of the dissolved Naya Sikkim Party had reportedly told the Press (Siliguri — August 5, 1988) that his party would start a violent movement in Sikkim in September, 1988 to achieve party's demand in respect of reservation of seats for the Nepalese in the State Assembly. According to the other leaders and executive members, the party had no such agitational programme and the announcement was made without their knowledge or consent. The situation is under watch.

MNF links with gueri'la organisations abroad

1662. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that M.N.F. is still maintaining links with guerilla organisations abroad even after the accord of 1986; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Nothing specific has come to notice indicating links between M.N.F. and guerilla organisations abroad.

(b) Does not arise.

Easing of Visa Norms

1663. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ease the Visa norms so as to remove the impediments in travels for promoting tourism in the country; and

(b) which are the countries for which Visa conditions are subject to restrictions for tourists stating the reactions thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Multiple entry Tourist Visas are issued by Indian Missions and Posts abroad on application for a period of 90 days. Such visas are extendable for a further period of 90 days in India. No further liberalisation is considered necessary.

(b) Countries with which we do not have diplomatic relations, countries which we do not recognize or on the basis of reciprocity and mutual Agreement.

Pension of Freedom Fighters of Pondicherry

1664 SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the freedom fighters of Pondicherry, who fought for the freedom of that region, have requested the Central Government to consider their case of grant of freedom fighters' pension to them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Union Territory of Pondicherry Administration has also recommended their cases for grant of such pension; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In these cases, pension was claimed on the basis of self-exile which is not recognised under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980. Hence freedom fighters pension could not be sanctioned to them.